

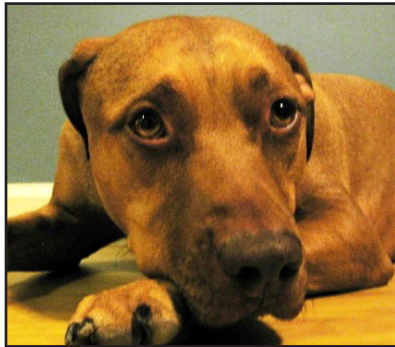
Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Pet Food Drive. With National Homeless Animal Day around the corner (Aug 20), staff from the City of Glendale Building Safety Department came up with a great treat to help homeless pets in the West Valley.

The group is hosting a pet food drive from August 1 to August 31 to benefit two West Valley animal shelters that are in need of canned and dry food. Due to the recession, many animal shelters have reached full capacity and are seeing a record-breaking number of animals. Inspectors have been noticing a number of stray animals upon inspections and in some cases are taking these animals back to work to provide some extra assistance. Some staff members have become foster parents to these abandoned animals and have worked closely with the shelters to help rescue and provide the necessary care for the cats and dogs discovered on the streets.

The shelters are seeking the following items: pet food, cat litter, cat and dog toys, cat nip, Neosporin and cat litter pans. People may donate pet-related items at the following locations:

- Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.
- Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.
- Glendale Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.
- Glendale Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.
- Building Safety Department, 5850 W. Glendale Ave, 2nd Floor

For more information on the Pet Food Drive, visit www.glendaleaz.com.



City of Glendale Debuts on YouTube. The award-winning shows from Glendale 11 have gone viral. Viewers can now find and share their favorite Glendale 11 shows and videos on the cable channel's new official YouTube channel – www.youtube.com/myglendale11.

The channel, which joins the city's growing network of social media outlets, serves as an online hub for Glendale 11's programming to the YouTube audience. An ever-updating library of videos will be available on a regular basis, and fan favorites will continue to show up in the rotation. The channel allows worldwide users of this widely popular Internet tool to connect with the city of Glendale as well as see firsthand all it has to offer.

The launch of this channel also gives the city the opportunity to capitalize on viral video marketing, allowing users to share great Glendale 11 videos they see and pass them along, thus exposing more viewers.

Glendale has also joined Facebook and Twitter as ways to market and communicate important information. Glendale is one of a few Valley cities using these free, online social networking tools to reach out to residents and one of the first in the West Valley to have a presence on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.



Fall Youth Sports Registration through Sept. 4. Yes, time flies when you're having fun. Summer is almost over, and that means that fall sports are just around the corner! Register early, Aug. 10 -Aug. 21 to receive the early bird discount. Registration after Aug. 21 will cost an addition \$10.

Fall sports include soccer, coach-pitch baseball, T-ball, and kickball. For more information, contact Mike Grono at 623-930-2834 or via e-mail at mgrono@glendaleaz.com.

Back To School Safety. As the kids head back to school, families are busy buying the right supplies and packing lunch boxes. However, it is important to remember that now is the time to do your homework on how to keep your child safe. To help parents, the Glendale police department is offering these tips:

- Children walking or biking to and from school should use the buddy system.
- Choose the safest route and talk with children about avoiding alleys, vacant fields and busy streets. Many schools have already identified the safest way for children to get to school. Contact your school for recommended routes.
- Slow down in school zones, and do not block streets and driveways when picking up or dropping off children.
- If children are alone at home after school, make sure they know not to let strangers in the home, for any reason.
- Teach your child to use the telephone properly in case of emergencies.
- Have your child memorize their name, address, home phone number and your work phone number.

If you would like written materials on keeping kids safe, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Bolick at 623-930-2571.

Around Town

Mystery Writer J.A. Jance. A part-time Arizona resident and a top “New York Times” bestselling author, mystery writer J.A. Jance will appear at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1. She will read from her latest novels, talk about her writings, answer audience questions and sign her books. Her books will be available for purchase and signing. Call (623) 930-3844 for more information about this free program.

Cirque Du Soleil To Present Saltimbanco. Cirque du Soleil is pleased to announce that the Saltimbanco Arena Tour will perform for a limited engagement at Jobing.com Arena from July 29 to August 2. [Read more.](#)

Bob Dylan, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson. Camelback Ranch-Glendale, the spring home of the Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers, stages its first concert on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. when The Bob Dylan Show, featuring Dylan, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson, appears at the Cactus League’s largest stadium. [Click here](#) for more information.

Camelback Ranch Open House. On Saturday, August 15, 2009, Camelback Ranch will host an open house. Come watch the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox Rookie Leagues battle it out at the premier spring training facility. Gates open at 6p.m. and the game starts at 7:05p.m. Fun activities will be available for the kids. Admission and parking are FREE! All food, beverages (with exception of beer) including Hot Dogs, soda, bottled water, popcorn, Nachos, Pretzels, Ice cream, peanuts, and Cracker Jacks are only \$1.00. Camelback Ranch is located at 111th Avenue and Camelback Road. For more information [click here](#) or call (623) 302-5000.

“Strong Heroines in Crime Fiction.” Mystery authors Ann Parker, Juliet Blackwell, and Sophie Littlefield will reveal how they create “Strong Heroines in Crime Fiction” at the next Authors @ the Teague panel discussion and signing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 15 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Books will be available for purchase. The program is free. For more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Understanding Money and Credit. Through careful planning and use of money management skills, one can feel more confident about the ability to live within one’s means, handle emergencies, reduce debt and save for the future. Join us for Understanding Money and Credit at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 20 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Reservations are not necessary to attend this free class. For more information, call (623) 930-3531.

Friday Nite Lights, August 21. Enjoy late night shopping and dining, and a real hometown atmosphere. Stroll along brick-lined sidewalks and enjoy charming bungalows-turned shops. Friday Nite Lights will be held from 5-9 p.m. on the 3rd Fridays of each month in Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. Start at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up a downtown map and information. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500 for more information.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Join us on Thursday, August 27 at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2035.

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